OUR BIG SISTER CITY.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

Plans for a Methodist Conference-The Rev. H. Price Collier and His Wife-Politics Begin to Grow Lively-A Woman in Flames in the Street-Various Items of General Interest.

WORK AT THE NAVY YARD.

TESTS WITH THE TORPEDO BOAT DE STROYER.

INTEREST IN THE OFFICE OF SURGEON GENERAL

NEW NAVAL BILL. A vessel which is now exciting a great deal

in connection with the Navy is the Ericss This vessel lay in the Navy torpedo-bont Destroyer. Yard for a long time, but a few months ago she taken away. Within a few weeks tests have been begun on the vessel by a hoard of naval officers. The vessel has been in the Eric Basin while the tests were going on, but on Friday she was taken to the order that they might be completed there She lay yesterday alongside the Cob Dock, where visitor had a chance to view her exterior but only that, for no one is admitted to the inside of the deck, except by special consent of som narrow in the beam. Her bow comes to a shr and the deck is only a few inches above the rater line. A few feet back from the bow is th neture; it rises several feet in height and exof steel with no windows or other openings The vessel can be sunk in the water top of the superstructure. e of the water, which is thirty-three fee one and has a 16-inch bore. The boat was designed and built by Captain Ericsson, the inventor, but the tests did not show all that was desired, the Gov ssful, so that the Government will accept her

The speed and other qualifications of the little boa known and the present trials are merely tail are small projecting places of metal which act Navy Yard she is to be put into the timber dry-d On Friday she was put in charge of the Ordnance De-partment. The tests of the guns will be made in he dry-dock in order that the projectiles may be

other affair of some interest is in connection with the torpedo-boat Cushing. She is to leave the Nav nd go to Washington, where she will be tem control of the Ordnance Dep engines was held yesterday. The boiler had already been tried. The place on the deck which To fit this torpedo tube in place necessary to after the shape of This now comes together sharply, but is

necessary to spread the plates and make a to this work the vessel probably will be hauled up The how torpodo tube will be above the the vessel, the opinion is that a double tube will be placed on the deck amid-ships. The dynamite-cruiser Vesuvius is still in the Navy

The valves for her guns have not been put of Miantonomoh, and no orders for duty have been re-ceived. The work or making the monitor Nantucket ready to go to Boston to be used as a training-ship for the Naval Reserves continues. A dock trial of her engines has been held. Some construction work i being done. The new steel tugboat Narkeeta has arrived in the Navy Yard, but has not been put arrived in the Navy Yard, but has not been put into commission. The construction work on the two cruisers Maine and Cincinnati and the two mon-ltors Puritan and Terror advances steadily. The historic guns which were captured from the British ship Macedonian, in the War of 1812, have

been mounted and pairted black, and placed around the little triangular green near the Lyceum building

The receiving-ship Vermont is to have some This will be the first time that the vessel has had modern guns. But inasmuch as the majority of the men in the service pass through this receiving ship, it would seem to be a necessity that she should have the proper guns for training them. Here nev men are shipped, some of them knowing nothing about traval war weapons, and up to this time they could only be instructed with the old-fashioned gans which the Vermont had, and with pictures of modern guns Now, however, she will have guns which can be used for practical instruction. The new armainer will consist of two 1-pounder Hotchkiss guns, one 3-pounder, and one 6-inch rifle. These guns are merely lent to the ship by the Ordnance Department. me of the parts are already at the ship.

One of the officers said yesterday that the next thing which would be needed for the Vesuvius was some kind of a target range. The ship at present has not s much as a shooting gallery such as can be seen at Coney Island. If the money were appropriated a target-range could be built for instruction and prac-

tice in the use of small arms.

The decision of the Navat Examining Board for Promotion, which has reported in the case of Commender Frederick R. Smith that he is morally unfit for promotion, has removed one obstruction which existed so long against the promotions from that grad to fill the vacancies in the list of captains. Con mander Smith stood at the head of the list, but as n mander Smith stood at the head of the list, but as no one could be promoted above him his juniors had to wait until his case could be disposed of. But another obstruction has presented itself, in the case of Com-mander James D. Graham, who is next below Com-mander Smith, and who has been ordered to be courinartialled. Until his case is disposed of his immediate juniors will have to remain where they are,

The result of the decision of the Promotion Board in the case of Commander smith is awaited with intense interest by officers in the Navy. The proceedings and findings are now under review by Secretary Trace and the Judge-Advocate-General, and in a few daywill be sent to the President for his action. tion arises: Will Commander Smith have his commi-sien? The act of August 5, 1882, relative to examina tions for promotion, reads that if "it shall appear that such officer is unfit to perform at sea the duties of the place to which it is proposed to promote ason of drunkenness, or from any cause arising from his own misconduct, and having been informed of and heard upon the charges against him, he shall not be placed on the retired list of the Navy, and if the fine ing of the Board be approved by the President he shall

be discharged with no more that one year's pay."

The paragraph quoted provides that the officer is not to be dismissed unless the findings be approved by the President. The same act provides that an office morally disqualified for promotion cannot be placed on the retired list. Nor can the officer be promoted even M the findings of the Board be disapproved by the President, for Section 1,497 of the "Laws Relating to the Navy" provides that "no line officer below the shall be promoted to a higher grade on the active list of the Navy until his mental, moral and professional fitness to perform all his duties at sea have been es shed to the satisfaction of a board of examining

officers appointed by the President."

Commander Smith has not been to sea since July. 1876, the Navy Department not deeming it wise to The only thing that can be done new is that should the President be discribilled with findings of the present Board he may appoint

another Board to reconsider the case. The interest in the surgeon-generalship of the Navy than abated in the last week, and there member, and many think he will be successful Richard C. Dean. He is a Pennsylvanian by birth,

officers at the Navy Yard and on the vessels hope for something to be done to establish in the future a regular system of promotion, and to versity. His father was born in England. orrect stagnation in the line. The bill re-establishes the grade of vice admiral, and provides for the proand the present ten commodores would be mirals, and the present ten commodores would be graded rear-admirals. The pay of vice and rear-admirals is provided to be the same as the present pay of rear-admirals, namely: \$6,000 at sea, \$5,000 when on shore duty, and \$4,000 when on waiting orders. The number of cap ains would be increased by fifteen, commanders would be decreased by fifty-four, fleutenauts increased by forty in the senior grade, and fleutenauts in the jumor grade by seventy.

Officers whose service in the Civil War was honorable are placed on the retired list by the bill, if they so elect, with the rank and pay of the grade next above the one which they have held; and those who have served twenty years may be placed upon the retired

METHODIST MINISTERS TO MEET.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE NEW-YORK EAST CON FERENCE-OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The forty-fourth session of the New-York East Con ference will be held in the New York Avenue Metho odist Episcopal Church this week. Dr. George P Mains, pastor of the church, and some of the lendin laymen of the church arranged and sent to each pator and each lay delegate a copious directory con taining names and addresses of those who are to er tertain the ministers, and also the official programm for the daily meetings as follows: The examina-tions will take place: Thesday, March 29-Class of th first year's studies, 10 a. m., in Room F; class of the second year, 10 a. m., Room E; class of the thire year, Room O; class of the fourth year, Room C Wednesday, March 30, 2 p. m.-Candidates for admi-sion on trial, Room I. Thursday, March 31-Examina tion of local preachers for deacon's orders, Room L for local preachers for elder's orders, Room 1.

Following is a summary of the general program Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Examination of classes in conference studies, anniversary of the Epworth League the Rev. D. L. Jordan will preside. Wednesday, 6 a. m.—Opening session of the conference; 3 p. m.—Anniversary of the Veterans' Bellef Association, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley presiding; address by the Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton; 8 p. m.—Lecture by Bishop D. A. Goodsell. Thursday, 8 n. m.—Conference prayer-meeting in the chapel; 9 n. m.—Conference ence session; 2 p. m.—Anniversary of the Home Missionary Society; 3:15 p. m.—Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society, the Rev. C. E. Miller presiding; 8 p. m .- anniversary of the Missionary Society, the Rev. . Pullman presiding. Friday-8 a. m.-Prayer-meeting the chapel; b a. m.-Conference session, also meetly of the lay electoral conference in the chapel; I p. m. dinner for the members of the lay electoral conference at the Union League Club: 2:30 p. m.-union meetin of the annual and lay electoral conferences. Elsho Goodsell presiding: 4 p. m.-anniversary of the Min-isters' Relief Association, the Rey, A. H. Mead presiding; 8 p. m.-anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid an Southern Education Society, the Rev. S. O. Curtic presiding. Saturday-8 a. m.-Prayer meeting in the chapel, 9 a. m. Conference session; 8 p. m. devitional meeting for the members of the Conference Sunday-9 a. m.-Conference love-feast in the audience som of the church; 10:30 a. m.-public worship with sermon by Bishop Goodsell; 3 p. m.-ordinatio of candidates for the orders of deacons and elders 7:30 p. m.-public worship, at which time the Cor ference missionary sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. B. P. Raymond.

The anniversary of the Conference Temperance Sci ciety will be held at the same hour in the Nostrand Avenue Church, Nostrand ave. and Quincy-st. On Monday, April 4, at 8 a. m., there will be a prayer Monday, April 4, at 8 a. m., the following min-meeting, and at 9 a. m., a Conference session. At 2:30 p. m., memorial services for the following min-Vere, Miss Emm sters who have died in the year; the Rev. F. Brown, the Rev. S. M. Hammond, the Rev. Arza Hill, the Rev. F. W. Erickson, the Rev. R. H. Loomis, the Rev. A. McNichall, the Rev. Dr. M. L. Scudder and the Rev.

At 8 p. m. the fourth annual commencement exercises of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training School for Nurses Will be held. Addresses will be

creased among the members of that corps rather

HAVE THE COUPLE SEPARATED. SHE IS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND HE DECLINES THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE'S ACTION-FULTON-

TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. The report of serious differences between the Rev. II. Collier and his wife, which have led to their separation for a time at least, caused much discussion d church circles on the Heights yesterday, Mr. Collier is the young and popular pastor of the ont-st., the First Unitarian Society, and he has He was formerly pastor of a church near Boston, and Robert Laird Collier, long at Harvard and the Cambridge Divinity School, he entered

the ministry about eight years ago. Mr. Collier married the daughter of Mrs. F. O. Dame, of Brookline, Mass., and their first child was born Three months ago Mrs. Collier went to Boston to visit her mother, and she has not since that kind. But she admitted that the couple had daughter in Brookline, and she would not say whether but was appointed from New-Jersey, and has a good the latter would return to Brooklyn or not.

in any way yesterday, and would neither affirm no were with his mother in-law, but said that any further statement must come from Mrs. Coilier. England in a few weeks to pay a visit to Oxford Uni-

Since he went to Brooklyn Mr. Collier has taken great interest in work for boys and has a large number interested in the Willow Place Mission, which is con and he may be found any Saturday night in the gym nasium of the boys' club. oned chaplain of the 23d Regiment, to succeed Dr Boston Saturday Evening Gazette

The members of the Church of the Saviour astounded by the reports of a separation of their postor and his wife. A year or two ago the church pur-

The managers of the Memorial Hospital for Womer nd Children are preparing plans for a hospital build omen. This hospital is the only one in Brooklyn wher

Cational Conservatory of Music will give an entertain and of the building fund of the hospital.

are. Mrs. J. H. Burtls president; Mrs. C.
treasurer, and General G. T. Christens
er of the building fund.

but did not succeed. For mouths, the plaintiff deposes that her husband ill-treated her, but he denies the and says that she abused him. The case came in the supreme Court yesterday upon motion for counsel fee and allmony. Decision was reserved.

LIKELY TO BE ANOTHER MYSTERY

The police of the Sixth Precinct are still at to some clew to aid them in hunting down the bleves who bound, gagged and robbed Mr. orning. Although the detectives attached to the precinct are working industriously on the case, the Lucaco is still seffering from the shock. It was so yesterday that the woman knew the thieves, but was afmid to name them for fear of personal violence The Sixth Precinct, in which the robbery occurred as many mysterious cases which have never be-It was in this precinct that Mrs. Freds aschinsky and her five-year-old son, Israel we found mardered in their rooms, at No. 35 Moore-st. few months ago. Although the double murder was committed in a crowded tenement house in broad a light, the murderer is still at large.

HE BELIEVES IN SCUDDER'S INNOCENCE.

A letter has been received by the prudential comformer pastor, Dr. Henry M. Scudder, in reply to one ent to him expressing the sympathy of the church the affliction of his family by the arrest of his son In it he says:

"Our dear son is Insane, but he is not a murderer, nor a forger. The trial which is coming will vindicate his innocence. Till then we must beer up as well as we can. The press teems with ingeniously fabricates falsehoods and with cruelly malignant in innations.

Sarah Bernhardt will make her farewell appearan n this neighborhood at the new Columbia Theatre thi which she has made famous upon the stage, both it Paris and this country. The plays to be given will be On Monday night, "La Tosca"; Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and saturday matinee, "Cleopatra"; Thursday evening, "Fedora"; and Friday evening, "Camille, The play in which Madame Bernhardt will make he farewell appearance on Saturday night has not yet bee

scenic effects, will return to the Loc Avenue Academy this week. John T. Kelly, the stage Irishman, will be supported by Herrmann's players, including "Dutch" Duly, Miss Florrie West, Harry Kelly, Miss Josie La Fontaine, Charles F. Halton and Prince Angeles

A: the Bedford Avenue Theatre Miss Lydia Thomas on will appear with her special comedy company. In the company are Alfred Hampton, Howard Franklyn Henry Hauscombe, H. W. Montgomery, G. que iss Emmle Fossette, Miss Lee Jarvis and Miss

Charles Kelly, of No. 65 South Fourth-st., the son of a wealthy citizen of the Eastern District, appeared School for Nurses Will be held. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Buckley, president of the board of managers, Miss Helen B. Riley, of the graduating class, and Dr. L. Bolton Bangs. Dr. Buckley will confer the diplomas.

On Tuesday, April 5, at 8 a. m., there will be a Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights. prayer-meeting; at 9 a. m., a Conference session; at 2:30 p. m., another Conference session.

The Conference anniversary of the Epworth League will take place on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:45 p. m. Addresses will be delivered as follows: D. A. Jordan, L. R. Streeter, W. A. Richard and A. S. Kavanagh. The Rev. W. P. Ferguson will speak upon "Junior Leagues," and the Rev. Dr. James O. Wilson upon "Our Young People." It is expected that fishop Goodsell will be present and take part in the exercises. prayer-meeting; at 9 a. m., a Conference session; at Templar of this State, was also in the house, Buffalo Special of the New-York Central is the best ght train for Buffalo.

Kelly had come to the house to demand an explanation from her husband, who had insulted him. The court pinced Kelly under bands for examination to-morrow.

THE REV. MR. COLLIERS WIFE. | POLITICAL AND PERSONAL.

PUBLIC MEN AND AFFAIRS.

The latest development of the differences which hav arisen in the Republican ranks, which culminated in the contest over the seats of the delegates from the old Eighteenth Ward at the General Committee's meeting, is a movement for a special meeting at which an will be made to reverse the action. If a sufficlent number of votes be secured to assure the reversal the meeting will be called. action taken was carried by the vote of the Without them I ould have been defeated, and a change of four votes would have effected this. But only one-half of the mbers were present, as it was not known that a test called, nearly if not all of the 392 members would be found in their places and there would be a battle royal. is needed. The meeting must be advertised at lea two days before it is held in two or more Brooklyn

dally Republican newspapers in the city The action taken by the General Comm rided for a committee to supervise a new enrolment of from the old Eighteenth, and empowered the same com the ward associations will be elected. ent of dues, were anthorized to hold their seats until time. The opponents of this action say that by riping out of the old Eighteenth Ward all repentation in the party committees was wiped out nd that at the primaries new delegates must be elected. As the primaries will be held before the next meeting of the General Committee, on April 12, if the election of delegates at them is to be ordered, it will have to be done at a special meeting.

The policy pursued by Internal Revenue Col-lector Nathan in regard to the revolt which promises overthrow his supremacy as the leader of the party has been one of stlence, and he has not been ready to admit that there was any trouble. But Will-am W. Goodrich, who represents him at the head of denoral Committee, took occasion at the meeting of the League of Republican Clubs last week to make light of the opposition. He said it was mere froth, which would subside at the next meeting of the General Mr. Goodrich also took occasion to say that a party organization, commonly called a "ma hine" in every successful church, said Mr. Goodrich, and he evidently spoke from experience, as he is chair nan of the Board of Trustees of the Lafayette Avenue Pre-byterian Church.

On the other hand, Naval Officer Willis is as strongly denouncing the Nathan policy as Mr. Goodrich is supperiling it. He has been in Washington the last week nd has conferred with the representatives of Kingsupport him, and that the primaries will show the there can be no readjustment of the differences which nd of unfair treatment in the choice of members of wards and the treatment of the Eighteenth Ward m of the plans of the Nathan men

wards is in progress and a large number en recorded. But the faction fighting ha mber of voters heretofore affiliated with Republican

task by no means an easy one. The chief difficulty is the fashion that 75,000 voters have of sup-porting Republican candidates. It is impossible thee. The plans under discussion provide for five mate and twenty Assembly Districts. The men upon he committee include James Shevlin, Thomas E. earsull, John P. Adams, Thomas J. Kenna, John Delmar and Almet F. Jenks. All the possibilities in the matter of gerrymandering the county have been con-idered upon the basis of the recent enumeration, which makes the population a little less than 1,000,000.

Ex-senator Stephen M. Griswold has been made a ember of the executive committee of the State League f Republican Clubs to represent Kings County, succeeding Charles A. Morse, president of the Montauk lub, who has resigned. Mr. Griswold is a member of he Brooklyn Young Republican Club, and will be one f the delegates to the State Convention of the League,

o be held in Rochester in June. General Henry W. Slocam is to preside at emerial services in honor of General Sherman, which will be held in Harmans Bleecker Hall, in Albany, on day evening, at which Chauncey M. Depew is to peak. General Slocum is to be one of the representaees of Kings County in the Democratic National Conention in Chicago. The significant changes in the centre of the business

ife of the city in the last five years have culminated the complete descriton of lower Fulton st. by the creat retail stores. The smaller ones will make haste o follow them uptown. Already a shooting-gallery

in the complete desertion of lower Fultonst, by the great retail stores. The smaller ones will make haste to follow them uptown. Already a shooting-gallery has been established in one of the deserted drygoods houses. The deflection of the tide of trade from Fultonst, by Flatinch alove, is also significant, and presages the uitimate popularity of the latter as a business thoroughfare. Already property is changing bands at greaty increased values, and the erection of new buildings is projected upon a large scale. It is impossible to foresee how for this will lead.

The passing of Barthman from the Board of Education ends at seems almost the reddible that such a scheme to rehabilitate a man who had been discredible and disgrared by bis own acts when formerly a member of the Isoard should have been attempted, but it only shows to what lengths the "Bing" officials will complete the such a serious property of the reddible that such a serious to retain the unit of the loand should have been attempted, but it only shows to what lengths the "Bing" officials will complete the such a serious to retine from office, forced him upon the Board against the almost unanimous protest of the men he had put in that body. The man who would force him in it, can allie be dismissed from consideration as unworthy of notice.

Jeremial Cotte, the murdere of Luigit Frankelosa, is to suffer death by electrical excention in Sing Sing Prison. He is the first Italian of the city brought face to face with the death penalty. The last man of his mationality convicted of a capital crime, Trezza, had his sentence commuted before the date for his execution. But in his case there were externating circumstances which did not exist in the case of Cotto. It was shown at the trial of the latter that he deliberately followed his veitin as he started on a rapicking excursion, and brutally murdered him. His relations with the wife of the markered man were such as to lead him to desire to have her free. Cotto has had no sympathy from the men of his nationali

core, and thus succeeded in adding thousands of members to it. The plans for enlarging its scope and erecting a new museum for the city have been largely developed by him. He has secured many prominent men to lecture in the various courses arranged under the anspices of the institute, and has contributed grently to its success. In the Board of Education he can bring new ideas to bear upon old-time methods and a like result may be attained. Mayor Boody has long been interested in and a supporter of his plans for the institute.

The need of a new municipal building is apparent when city departments have to leave the present buildings and occupy rented quarters elsewhere. The

Board of Elections had to leave the City Hall last fall, and is quartered in Smith-st. The Board of Health will shortly leave the Municipal Building and go to Clinton-st. A suitable building to accommodate the Police and Health departments could be put up on the site owned by the city in Joralemon-st.

It is expected that S. V. White will be made president and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Church, to succeed the late Angustus Storrs. He is the oldest trustee of the church in point of service and has always taken deep interest in the affairs of the church. W. B. Boorum is the temporary chairman of the trustees. The vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. Storrs will not be filled until the annual meeting of the society of the church next year. A WOMAN FATALLY BURNED. WHEN SHE RUSHED TO THE STREET SHE WAS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES. woman was seen to rush into the street from the

two-story frame building at No. 38 Broadway, early yesterday morning, with her clothing in flames. was shricking frantically for help. At the time the streets were filled with people going to their work and the wildest excitement followed. rushed to the aid of the woman, and one threw off his overcoat and wrapped it about the unfortunate creature. In this way the flames were extinguished The woman was Mrs. Ann Rooney, forty years old. Help had arrived too late, for when Ambulance Surgeon Gifford, of the Eastern District Hospital, arrived he found that the woman had been frightfully burned about the head, face and body. into her room, where her death was hourly expected. When the surgeon reached the room he found the agony from burns. The girl is Isabella Rooney, sixteen years old. They had received their burns while trying to extinguish the flames which had enveloped come exhausted. Rooney endeavored to keep she become exhausted. Rooney endeavered to keep his wife from going into the street. Both were badly burned about the hands and face.

The woman's clothing had taken fire from the ldtchen stove, and it is supposed she had used kerosene to hurry the fire while preparing brenkfast.

When Mrs. Rooney appeared on the street two women who saw her in a mass of fames fell to the sidewalk in a faint. They were quickly revived and went to New-York.

A FAR CRY TO SOUTH BROOKLYN.

WAILS OF DISTRESS FROM TRAVELLERS TO THAT REMOTE REGION.

and unaccountable thing happened a f days ago in Brooklyn. A Fifth-ave, elevated railread train actually ran through on time, and was not deouth Brooklyn exile can hardly be imagined. settlers in that far country have become so accustomed ave, elevated railroad that if a good locon suddenly to draw a train at a fair rate of speed they could probably clutch their seats in terror, and with streaming hair and glaring eyes, exclaim thus flying in the face of Providence. They have be and serious conflicts with the garden-invading, floradevouring goat, and the other unbridled forces of nature in South Brooklyn, and they would neve dream of complaining about such little things as slow

be decoyed into one of the cars of this so-called rallroad, and who foolishly thinks that by paying his fare he has purchased the right to get somewhere, doe t view the proceedings with such equanimity. did not know what a deadly thing he had ain after train came in on the other side children stood there and shivered, while whether it reached the station or not, but at last, And passengers continued to pour into the car to the tune of "Plenty room in front," till the enough room left to breathe. At last, when even those expert packers, the guards, could get no

The locomotive which was attached to the it would apparently recover itself, and start off suddenly in quite a spirited manner. But it always quickly realized its fatal error, and relapsed into a mind were accompanied with sudden jolts, which threw the passengers about wildly. As the train neared the Long Island Endroud station it stopped altogether, and drowsily contemplated the landscape. The en-gineer woke up when the train stopped and meditatively went through the motion of ciling the engine, crooning a lullaby as he did so. Then he climbed back into the cab, and with a weary sigh the procession again started. Somewhere in the prairie lands between the next two stations the locomotive got frightened at something, and again stepped short in its mad career. This time the engineer didn't wake up, and the train sulked for some minutes. Through all this the angelic temper of the

south Brooklyn fellowman shone brightly. The reporter had heard, without crediting it, that the South Brooklyn man does not touth of it then. There is probably no other congre gation of two-legged human beings which would stand sich rapid trar-sit without making a determined effort to hurt somebody, and to hurt him greatly and carnest ly. The South Brooklynite comes across the Bridge at 1 a. m., and actually listens without a word to the sepulchral moan from the dark ticket station, "N more Fifth ave. to night." He does not howl or tear taken test Monday to have a committee to consider out his hair, or put his hand on his hip pocket, the advisability of celebrating the 400th anniversary orderly he goes downstairs and steals forth into the night, or if his ten-persment is buoyant he wilts on appointed to arrange for a stray horse car. When the elevated completion, early in the fall of the personnel of the discovery of America, and a committee will be railroad was lattly pears. railroad was built there was rejoicing and feasible of the soldiers and sailors who died in the war. at the thought that it would bring relief from the bondage of the horse car, which often, like a certain famous letter, "never come." But now the elevated road is there and the horse car is still the only way which a mon can get home to south Brooklyn after 1 o'clock in the morning. The other night a countryman, a genuine mackwoodsman, come to the Ridge station just in time to see the last car go. When he was greeted by the words, "No more, etc.," he stamped his massive foot hard, and with the addition of bad words, he delivered this thought:
"I may live in Spodunk, and it do be in the back.

"I may live in Spedank, and it do be in the back words; but if we had such a failroad company, that got our streets, and then refused to give decent service, we'd far and feather 'em, so we would."

Also But that would be cruel.

CLOSING A COURSE OF LECTURES. The Rev. Charles J. Adams closed on Friday even

ing, in Trinity Church, a successful course of fou lectures in church history. His themes were: "Julius Caesar and Jesus the Christ," "The Church and Nero,"
"The Church and Constantine," and "The Church and shown by the fact that Mr. Adams has been employed on "Martin Luther and His Times" and on "John Wesley and His Times." Mr. Adams is a citizen of Chicago. His style is simple, direct and full of incident and story. He is well-known among Irishmen, having delivered the eulogy on Parnell at Music Hall, Chicago,

SIR MORELL MACKENZIE ON SMOKING. From The Pall Mall Gazette.

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It will be interesting to state what Sir Morell Mackenje considered she effects of over-smoking on the throat. He strongly objected to a cigarette "as being the worst form of induigence, from the fact that the very mildness of Fis action tempts people to smoke nearly all day long, and by Inhaling the fumes into their lungs saturate their blood with the poison. It should be borne in mind shat there are two bad qualities contained in the fumes of tobacco. One is poisonous nicotine, the other the high temperature of the burning obacco. Most people, however, can smoke in moderation without injury; to many tobacco acts as a useful neighbor seatile, but, on the other hand, an excessive induigence in the habit is always injurious."

smoke, and let him take it as an axiom man in whom tobacco increases the flow to any marked degree is not intended by 1 smoke. Let him be strictly moderate in it—the precise limits each man must settle fa—and he will get all the good effect of the plant without the bane which lurks in k when excess."

LIBRARIES OF THE CITY.

HALF A DOZEN LARGE ONES AND AN AGGREGATE OF 300,000 VOLUMES. The bill before the Legislature creating a free public

library has aroused interest in the existing collections of works in the city and the possibility that they will be connected with or made auxiliary to the projected new one. The bili proposes to appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose of erecting a building and beginning collection of books and not less than \$40,000 annually to the support and growth of the institution. As the city already possesses property which is set apart for sites for museums, libraries and other educational institutions, no money will have to be spent for a sitwhen it shall be decided to erect the structure to house the volumes it is proposed to purchase for the public benefit. A site of this property, which has been named Park and is separted from Prospect Park by Flathush-ave., lying adjacent to the high-s vice reservoir on Mount Prospect, has already been signated for the new Museum of Arts and Sciences which the city is to erect at a cost of \$300,000 for the collections already gathered by the Brooklyn Institute. As that Institution already has a free library of 16,000 new public collection, and to combine the library with the museum building. Thus \$200,000 of the sum appropriated might be added to the \$300,000 museum, making half amillion for building, which would afford room for both purposes for years to come. This would leave \$400,000, which would provide a large working library, of which the existing free libraries c

The largest collection in the city is that of the Brooklyn Library, which is comfortably housed in building of its own in Montague-st. It numbers 110,-000 volumes, of which, 95,032 were read last year, There are 300 periodicals and newspapers in the read ing room, which was patronized by 50,000 readers There are 3,000 volumes for reading a reference purposes in the reading room. tee for the use of all the facilities of the library and ading room, including the taking of books home \$5 a year. The library is managed by a Board of Directors, composed of public-spirited men, at whose head are Dr. Truman J. Backus and R. R. Bowker, president and vice-president; Albert E. Lamb and Frank L. Babbott, secretaries; and Frank Lyman, treasurer. Willis A. Bardwell is librarian. are eight branches in various parts of the city where books can be exchanged twice a day.

second largest library in the city is that of the Long Island Historical Society in the so ciety's building at Clinton and Pierrepont sta It contains 45,000 volumes, for who pay \$10 a open to members, families, and to others upon by members or by permission of the librarian Miss Emma Toedteberg, There is a reading room supplied with newspapers, society gives lectures for ers are supplied with tickets.

The largest free literary in the city is that of the Pratt Institute, in Ryerson st., near De Kalb-ave. The se of its facilities with the privilege of taking books nome is free to all residents of the city. Plummer is in charge. The Union for Christian World ms a collection of 20,000 books in its rooms at Nos. 37 and 69 Schermerhoru-st. They are free to all per sons of good character who have recommendation Professor Robert Poster is the president and Mis Cannie Hull is librarian.

The only library in the Eastern District is the one onnected with the public schools of that part of the miscellaneous collection of 18 000 volumes, open to the public for two hours in the afternoon and a like period f the evening on each Tuesday and Friday, and to children on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. A D. Stetson is in charge. The former Eastern District Library is now a branch of the Brooklya Library, at

Bedford-ave, and Taylor-st.

The Brooklyn Institute Free Library of 16,000 volumes, in charge of Miss Mary I. Crandall, has been housed in the Y. M. C. A. Bullding, at No. 502 Pulfonst., since the fire in the old Institute building, which has since been demolished. There were 50,000 volumes dreulated in 1850. The Y. M. C. A. Library, in the same building, open to members only, contains 11,000 volumes. It is in charge of S. H. Berry. There are five branches with books.

The Law Library, in Room 16, Court House, contains 13,000 volumes, open to Judges and members of the bar. Stephen C. Betts is the librarian. The Medical Society of the County of Kings has a collection of 4,400 volumes at No. 356 Bridge-st. for the use of members. Dr. William Browning is the librarian.

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GATHERED AROUT TOWN.

James H. Temple, thirty-four years old, of No. 496 exington-ave., a clerk in the Department of City Works, was thrown from a wagon on the Ocean Parkway when driving on Friday night, and received concussion of the brain and a fracture of the left leg. was picked up unconscious and was taken to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. His horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing him from the

The burial of the body of Police Captain William H. Folk took place yesterday in Greenwood,

A memorial tablet of brass and bronze will be erected in St. Mary's Hospital in honor of Bishop Loughlin. It will bear the coat of arms of the Bishop.

Congressman Alfred C. Chapin has taken the oath of office as state Refrond Commissioner, He says he will not resign his seat in Congress until the silver question is settled.

Bishop McDonnell has been elected honorary president of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society.

The work of removing the postoffice from the rooms long occupied at No. 317 Washington-st. to the new Federal Building, a few doors away, was begun yesterday. The sale of stamps was stopped at the old office at 11 p. m., and will be resumed in the new office to

A dinner was given to Edwin Knowles, manager St. George last evening. About 300 persons were at

the table, and St. Clair McKelway presided. were made by a number of those present. Mrs. Mary E. Kidd, who now lives in Mount Vernon, N. Y., secured absolute diverce yesterday, in the Supreme Court, from Charles W. Kidd, of Staple-

ton, S. I., who is living with another woman as Absolute divorce was granted in the Supreme Court reday to Mrs. Sarah Thompson, from Joseph A

cured subscriptions amounting to \$11,000 toward a fund of \$25,000 to creet a new church building to cost double that sum at Lewis-ave, and Madison-st., where the society owns five lots. The Rev. R. J. Kent is the paster and there are nearly 600 members. A Coroner's jury has found that the death of Michael

Stattery, whose thront was cut on Sunday last, was to deliver two more lectures in the same church-one due to the act of Michael Lawn and he is held to answer to the charge of murder.

The congregation of Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church has increased the salary of the paster, the Rev. David Junor, by \$200 a year. The church is the one of which Mr. Thornton and Eva Jewell, his pretty sister-in-law, are members. They will be membered by their adventure at Coney Island last ummer, when they "drifted out to sea on a log."

The marriage of B. A. Roderiquez Ottolengui and Mrs. Eleanor Ottolengul was annulled vesterday in the Supreme Court on the ground of insanity at the time it was contracted. Mrs. Oitolengul is a hopelest lunatic, and has been in the Bloomingdale Asylum the insane since a short time after her marriage in 1887. Joseph B. Gage, in whose family she lived at the time of the marriage, testifled that she believed in Christian science, and would go out with thin clothing in cold weather, and said that if she only believed in her mind that she had on warm clothing she would

A defective flue set fire to the dwelling No. 441 Breadway yesterday, causing a damage of \$400. The property belonged to James Laughran. Officer Motenants on the second floor with difficulty. When the house began to fill with smoke a woman became hysterical and refused to move. She was partially overcome with smoke when carried out.